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In response to the November 14, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 10-26 are pending in the application, with claim 10 being independent.

Claims 10-26 only stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,699,560 to Schulte in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,753,336 to Stull, U.S. Patent No. 6,298,624 to Pacione and the EP patent 988 808 to Celliers. Although the filing date of this application has been modified as set forth by the Examiner, the application is still entitled to the benefit of the International application filing date of September 22, 1998 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §363, 35 U.S.C. §371 and 37 C.F.R. §1.495. Such date is well in advance of the July 31, 2000 effective date of the Schulte patent and of the issue date of that patent.